

Declaration of conformity according to REACH**Munich, February 2016**

Regarding registration, pre-registration of substances and information about substances of very high concern (SVHC) as well as remarks to the RoHS directive.

1. The Linde Group (hereinafter referred to as Linde) engages only to supply substances, preparations and products conforming to REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 to its customers from December 1st, 2008 and to inform the company about the share of substances of very high concern (SVHC) according to the Candidate List in the latest version requiring identification. This declaration becomes integral part of the delivery contract or business relationship concluded between Linde and its customers.

2. Linde has performed full registrations by 30th of November 2010 for all substances that needed to be registered according to REACH at this point:

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| - Acetylene | (EC-No. 200-816-9, Reg.-No. 01-2119457406-36) |
| - Calcium Dihydroxide/Lime | (EC-No. 215-137-3, Reg.-No. 01-2119475151-45) |
| - Carbon monoxide | (EC-No. 211-128-3, Reg.-No. 01-2119480165-39) |
| - Sodium Hydrogencarbonate | (EC-No. 205-633-8, Reg.-No. 01-2119457606-32) |
| - Dinitrogen oxide | (EC-Nr. 233-032-0, Reg.-Nr. 01-2119970538-25) |

3. All other substances of the Linde portfolio that are either imported from outside EU or manufactured have been pre-registered and will be registered on a later stage according to the REACH timeline.

4. Further, Linde assures that substances, preparations and products **that are either imported from outside EU or manufactured**, but not (pre-)registered according REACH as amended, are covered by the exceptions of the said directive. The exemptions are stated in the REACH Regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006 under Title 1, Article 2. In delivery of products, there is assurance that their raw material basis has been pre-registered, registered or exempted from registration according to REACH. Most important substances are hereof:

- Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon, Helium, Neon, Krypton, Xenon
- Carbon dioxide, Hydrogen
- Mixtures of these substances
- Medical gases and Food gases
- Natural gas and Liquefied petroleum gas

5. Linde engages that the substances, preparations and products supplied by it, but not manufactured by it personally, likewise fulfil all the prerequisites of REACH as amended. To fulfil this duty, Linde obligates its sub-suppliers to exclusive delivery of products conforming to REACH in a separate, corresponding declaration of conformity.

6. In case products containing substances of very high concern (SVHC) > 0,1 % (w/w) according to the Candidate List in the latest version are supplied, Linde provides customers with the relevant information within 45 days upon inquiry according to Title IV of REACH. Linde engages to obligate its sub-suppliers to determine, document and notify it of SVHC substances by corresponding declarations. In this context, it shall set a period for notification which meets the notification period of 30 days.

7. Linde assures that the classification and labelling obligations pursuant to all valid EU directives, each as amended have been taken into account. Likewise, Linde assures production of safety data sheets (SDS) corresponding to REACH according to Article 31 and Annex II (EC) no. 453/2010, as amended, and also the fact that the forwarding of information is done pursuant to Article 32 - 36 REACH Regulation (EC) no. 1907/2006 as amended.

8. Linde assures that substances, preparations and products supplied to its customers don't fall under the RoHS directive 2002/95/EC. All technical and specialty gases and gas mixtures cannot - by nature - contain the hazardous substances listed in RoHS and are therefore exempt from that directive.

You can find further important information under <http://reach.linde.com>.

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